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 Serial No. : 09/991,638
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 For : CUTTING APPARATUS

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- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
☐ A Request for Extension of Time.
☒ No Additional Fee.

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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Group Art Unit: 3724

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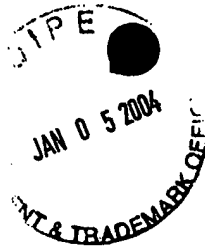
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Sir :

In response to the Final Official Action of October 3, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 5, 2004 (January 3, 2004 falling on a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.